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**For: USE OF HIGH-ABSORPTION-CAPACITY PRECIPITATED SILICA  
FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A COLORANT BY MEANS OF  
IMPREGNATION WITH AN INORGANIC PIGMENT, THE COLORANT  
THUS OBTAINED AND THE APPLICATION THEREOF IN THE  
COLOURING OF CERAMIC MATERIALS**

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